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PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: February 9, 1999. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS. Contact: Barbara Lowe, Office of the Secretary at (202) 418-0310.

Released: February 9, 1999. COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE BELL ATLANTIC REQUEST FOR LIMITED MODIFICATION OF LATA BOUNDARIES TO PROVIDE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE. On November 23, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia filed a petition requesting modification of local access transport area boundaries to provide expanded local calling service between two exchanges in Virginia - Honaker and South Grundy. Comments due February 23; replies March 2. Contact: Alan Thomas, Network Services Division at (202) 418-2338; TTY: (202) 418-0484. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/pncc9001.wp

Released: February 9, 1999. COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE JOINT PETITION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR TARGETED INTERLATA RELIEF. On January 15, 1999, the State of Nebraska and U S West Communications, Inc. filed a joint petition requesting a LATA modification of the LATA boundary between the Omaha, Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa, LATAs. Comments due March 8; replies March 22. Contact: Gregory Cook at (202) 418-2351 or Alan Thomas at (202) 418-2338; TTY: (202) 418-0484. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/pncc9002.wp

Released: February 9, 1999. COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE AMERITECH REQUEST FOR LIMITED MODIFICATION OF LATA BOUNDARIES TO PROVIDE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE BETWEEN THE TRENTON AND HAMILTON EXCHANGES IN OHIO. On January 26, 1999, Ameritech, on behalf of The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, filed a petition requesting modification of local access transport area boundaries to provide two-way, non-optional, flat-rated expanded local calling service between two exchanges in Ohio - Trenton and Hamilton. Comments due February 24; replies March 3. Contact: Alan Thomas, Network Services Division at (202) 418-2338; TTY: (202) 418-0484. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/pncc9003.wp

Released: February 9, 1999. COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE REQUESTS FOR LIMITED MODIFICATION OF LATA BOUNDARIES TO PROVIDE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE BETWEEN VARIOUS EXCHANGES IN TEXAS. On December 31, 1998, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company filed six petitions requesting modification of local access transport area boundaries to provide two-way, non-optional, flat-rated expanded local calling service between various exchanges in Texas. Comments due February 24; replies March 3. Contact: Alan Thomas, Network Services Division at (202) 418-2338; TTY: (202) 418-0484. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/pncc9004.wp

Report No: 44425. Released: February 9, 1999. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac990209.txt

Report No: 24425. Released: February 9, 1999. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap990209.txt

Report No: A-343A. Released: February 9, 1999. NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND NOTIFICATION OF CUT-OFF DATE. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Radio_Cutoffs/pnmm9009.wp

Report No: A-344. Released: February 9, 1999. NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND NOTIFICATION OF MARCH 11 CUT-OFF DATE. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Radio_Cutoffs/pnmm9010.wp

SPEECHES

""CROSSING INTO THE WIRELESS CENTURY"" - SPEECH OF CHAIRMAN WILLIAM E. KENNARD, CTIA CONVENTION, NEW ORLEANS, LA, FEBRUARY 9, 1999. Internet URL: "<https://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Kennard/spwek906.html>

TEXTS

CENTURY COLORADO SPRINGS PARTNERSHIP D/B/A COLORADO SPRINGS CABLEVISION. Granted complaint filed against Century Colorado Springs Partnership's d/b/a Colorado Springs Cablevision's programming services tier rate in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Action by Asst. Chief, Consumer Protection and Competition Division. Adopted: February 5, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-300). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da990300.wp>

EDMUND DINIS. Dismissed the September 25, 1996, petition for reconsideration filed jointly by Bristol County Broadcasting, Inc, and SNE Broadcasting, Inc., involving the construction permit for new AM broadcast station WLAW, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and denied the subsequent petitions for reconsideration and the informal objection regarding this construction permit. Affirmed the MO&O, FCC 96-350 and the September 13, 1996, and March 12, 1997, grants of the applications of Edmund Dinis to replace the expired construction permit and to modify the construction permit for Station WLAW(AM). Granted Dinis' extension application and the WLAW construction permit for six months from the date of the release of this Order. Action by the Commission. Adopted: February 4, 1999. by MO&O. (FCC No. 99-16). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/fcc99016.wp

ADDENDA: The following items, released February 8, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 25:

NEWS RELEASES

COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION ACTION - FCC CLOSES AN UNLICENSED RADIO STATION IN PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA - REPORT NO. CI 99-6. The FCC, in conjunction with the U.S.

Marshals Service and the United States Attorney's Office, seized radio transmission equipment used in the operation of an unlicensed FM radio station in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, on January 15, 1999. News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. CIB Contact: Pamela Hairston at (202) 418-1160; TTY: (888) 835-5322. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/News_Releases/1999/nrci9002.wp

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTION - FCC GRANTS FORBEARANCE OF LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY FOR WIRELESS CARRIERS - REPORT NO. WT 99-1 (WT DOCKET NO. 98-229 AND CC DOCKET NO. 95-116). The FCC has granted a request for forbearance from local number portability (LNP), extending the deadline for broadband commercial mobile radio service carriers to implement service provider LNP until November 24, 2002. Action by the Commission February 8, 1999, by MO&O (FCC 99-19). News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: David Furth at (202) 418-0632 or Jeanine Poltronieri at (202) 418-0600. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19007.wp

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: February 8, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ESTABLISHES PLEADING CYCLE FOR PLEADINGS FILED IN RESPONSE TO AIRCELL ORDER. On December 24, 1998, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau issued an order granting, in part, AirCell, Inc.'s Petition for Waiver. On January 25, 1999, various pleadings were filed in response to the AirCell Order. The deadline for filing Oppositions to these pleadings in February 19, 1999; replies deadline is March 5, 1999. (DA No. 99-305). Contact: Steve Weingarten or Linda Chang at (202) 418-0620. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/da990305.wp

Released: February 8, 1999. SUPPLEMENT TO ATTACHMENT B- AUCTION OF C, D, E, AND F BLOCK BROADBAND PCS LICENSES - NOTICE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR AUCTION OF C, D, E AND F BLOCK BROADBAND PCS LICENSES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23, 1999 - MINIMUM OPENING BIDS AND OTHER PROCEDURAL ISSUES. (DA No. 99-302). Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/da990302.wp

Released: February 8, 1999. AIRTOUCH COMMUNICATIONS, INC. APPLIES FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF ITS LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS TO VODAFONE GROUP P.L.C. AirTouch Communications, Inc. and Vodafone Group P.L.C. have filed applications pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended seeking Commission approval of the transfer of control to Vodafone of licenses and authorizations currently held directly and indirectly by AirTouch. Comments due March 10; oppositions due March 22; replies March 29. (DA No. 99-304). Contact: Jonathan Radin or Elizabeth Williams, Commercial Wireless Division at (202) 418-7240; JoAnna Lowry, International Bureau at (202) 418-1465.

Released: February 8, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUEST FOR WAIVER BY THE CONSORTIUM DIGITAL MICROWAVE SYSTEM, REGARDING THE USE OF PRIVATE OPERATIONAL-FIXED MICROWAVE FACILITIES. On November 4, 1998, the Consortium Digital Microwave System, licensee of several private operational-fixed point-to-point microwave (POFM) stations in the 6 GHz band, filed a Request for Waiver of Section 101.603(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, which prohibits the use of POFM stations for provision of any kind of common carrier service. Comments due February 23; replies March 5. (DA No. 99-217). Contact: Ronald E. Quirk, Jr., Policy and Rules Branch, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-1793.

SPEECHES

""THE TELECOM ACT AT THREE: SEEING THE FACE OF THE FUTURE"" - ADDRESS OF WILLIAM E. KENNARD, CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AT COMPTEL 1999 ANNUAL MEETING AND TRADE EXPOSITION, ATLANTA, GA, FEBRUARY 8, 1999. Internet URL: "
<https://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Kennard/spwek905.html>

TEXTS

JEFFREY KRAUSS, COMPLAINANT V. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, DEFENDENT. Granted in part and otherwise denied the formal complaint filed on March 6, 1996, by Jeffrey Krauss alleging that MCI Telecommunications Corporation caused the unauthorized conversion of Krauss's presubscribed interexchange carrier for his telephone and facsimile lines. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: February 8, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-293). CCB Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/da990293.wp

ERRATUM - LONG-TERM NUMBER PORTABILITY TARIFF FILINGS OF SPRINT LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES. Erratum to MO&O issued February 5, DA 99-298, amending paragraph 9. Dkt No.: CC- 99-35. Adopted: February 8, 1999. by Erratum. CCB Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/er990298.wp

ADDENDA: The following items, released February 5, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 24:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Report No: 1220. Released: February 5, 1999. CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE REGISTRATIONS; SPECIAL RELIEF AND OTHER FILINGS.